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MOZAMBIQUE: Insurgency Expands

The South African - backed National Resistance Movement has expanded operations from central and southern Mozambique to the north. The apparent shift of substantial numbers of insurgents has met little resistance from the Mozambican military, which is stretched thin in the north. Recent military reports suggest that the government is planning to reinforce its garrisons there.

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Comment: The guerrillas' ability to move into a new area suggests that South Africa has stepped up its aid. The expansion of insurgent operations in the relatively populous northern region increases the likelihood that President Machel will feel compelled to request combat forces from neighboring Tanzania and perhaps from Cuba.

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